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1. IT IS PROVING DIFFICULT TO ARRANGE SATISFACTORY
APPOINTMENTS FOR SENATOR BYRD DURING THE WEEKEND OF
JULY 1-2 IN BONN. THE CHANCELLOR WILL BE RETURNING
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DIRECTLY TO HIS HAMBURG HOME FROM A LONG TRIP TO AFRICA
AT 3 A.M. ON JULY 1. ALTHOUGH HIS STAFF HAS NOT FIRMLY
RULED OUT A MEETING WITH SENATOR BYRD THAT WEEKEND, THEY
HAVE TOLD US THAT THE OUTLOOK FOR SUCH A MEETING IS
"BLEAK".

2. DEFENSE MINISTER APEL'S PERSONAL AIDE, AFTER CON-

FERRING DIRECTLY WITH APEL, TOLD US THAT THE MINISTER WILL BE IN HAMBURG FOR THE ENTIRE WEEKEND AND UNAVAILABLE FOR A MEETING WITH SENATOR BYRD.

3. FINALLY, GENSCHER'S OFFICE INFORMED US ON JUNE 13 THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTER WILL NOT BE IN BONN DURING THE WEEKEND IN QUESTION AND HENCE WILL UNFORTUNATELY BE UNABLE TO MEET WITH SENATOR BYRD IN THAT TIMEFRAME.

4. IF SENATOR BYRD WERE COMING TO BONN DURING THE PERIOD ORIGINALLY INDICATED FOR HIS VISIT IN REF. D (JULY 4-6), WE COULD PROBABLY SECURE APPOINTMENTS WITH SCHMIDT, APEL AND GENSCHER, AS WE INDICATED IN REF. C. IN ADDITION, A WORTHWHILE LUNCHEON OR DINNER COULD UNDOUBTEDLY BE ARRANGED.

5. THE EMBASSY THEREFORE RECOMMENDS THAT SENATOR BYRD AND PARTY COME TO BONN DURING THE JULY 4-6 TIMEFRAME. IF THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE, WE SUGGEST THAT WASHINGTON PROPOSE SOME OTHER TIMEFRAME FALLING WITHIN A FIVE-DAY WORK WEEK, AND WE SHALL THEN URGENTLY EXPLORE WHETHER SCHMIDT, GENSCHER AND APEL WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO MEET WITH SENATOR BYRD.

6. IF SENATOR BYRD COMES TO BONN, WE WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING WHETHER HE WISHES US TO ARRANGE ANY OF THE OTHER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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APPOINTMENTS WHICH WE SUGGESTED IN REF. C. WE NOTE THAT HELMUT KOHL WILL LIKELY BE UNAVAILABLE AFTERNOON OF JULY 1 (HE WILL RETURN FROM US TRIP THAT DAY) AND WE HAVE NOT APPROACHED OTHER MAJOR POLITICAL FIGURES (BRANDT, STRAUSS) ABOUT THAT DAY. CONTROL OFFICER IS WILLIAM GUSSMAN, EXT. 3244. PLEASE ADVISE.

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